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ROME PLEASE PASS MARC SPIEGEL, VICE, PRESIDENT, MPEAA  
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1. SYRIAN CABINET CHANGE IN AUGUST RESULTED IN CHANGE  
OF MINISTER CULTURE AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE. THERE ARE  
ALSO INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLE CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP OF  
STATE CINEMA ORGANIZATION.

2. NEW MINISTER EAGER TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS AFTER  
REORGANIZATION CINEMA ORGANIZATION. SHE REQUESTED  
EMBASSY ARRANGE FOR MARCH SPIEGEL VISIT EARLY DECEMBER  
IF POSSIBLE.

3. EMBASSY ELIEVES THIS TIMING WOULD BE ESPECIALLY  
APPROPRIATE, PARTICULARLY IF MPEAA BORAD MEETING  
SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY AS WAS CASE THIS YEAR.

4. AMONG LINGERING ATTITUDES NEW MINISTER PREY TO IS  
BELIEF THAT MPEAA-SYRIAN GOVERNMENT DIFFICULTIES RESULT  
FROM MPEAA ANTI-SYRIAN POLITICAL ATTITUDES. EMBASSY  
HAS DONE UTMOST PERSUADE SYRIANS PROBLEMS ARE ECONOMIC  
RATHER THAN POLITICAL. BELIEVE DECEMBER VISIT BY SPIEGEL  
ESSENTIAL TO OVERCOME FINAL HURDLES.

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